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Yosemite Valley
Feb 13/72

Dear friend Mrs Carr,

Your latest letter is dated Dec 31st. I see that some of our letters are missing. I read the box & ate the berries & Liebig's extractum long ago & told you all about it but Mrs Yelverton's book & magazine articles, have not yet seen. Perhaps it may come next mail. How did you send them. I sympathize with your face & your great sorrows but you will bathe in the fountain light & life & face of our mountains & be healed.

There I wish to say that when you & H.C. & the Doctor come I wish to be completely free. Therefore let me know that you will certainly come & when. I will gladly cut off a slice of my seasons time however thick, the thicker the better. I lay it aside for you. I am in the habit of asking so many to come come come to the mountain baptisms that there is danger of having others on my hands when you come who must not be. I will mark off one or two or three months of bare useless time for our blessed selves or the few good & loyal ones that you may choose. Therefore at the expense even of breaking a dozen of civilizations laws & fences, I want you to come. For the high Sierra the months of July Aug & Sept are best. As for your Asiatic sayings, I would gladly creep into the vale of Cashmere or any other groove upon our blessed star. I feel my poverty in general knowledge & will travel some day.

you need not think that I feel Yosemite to be all in
all, but more of this when you come

I am going to send you with this a few
facts & thoughts that I gathered concerning 20 Hill hollow
wh I want to publish if you think you can mend them
& make them into a lawful article fit for outsiders
Plumb gold is fading from Cal faster than did her
Placer gold, & I wanted to save the memory of that
wh is laid upon Twenty Hills.

Also I will now send some thoughts that I happened to get
for poor persecuted twice damned Coyotes. If you think
any body will believe them, have them published.

Last mail I sent you some manuscript about
bears & storms wh you will believe if no one
else will. An account of one of my preliminary
rambles among the Glacier beds was published in
the daily Tribune of New York ^{Dec 9th} Have you seen it
If you have Call Old Mr Stebbins attention to it. He will
read with pleasure. Where is the old friend. I have not
heard from for a long time Remember me to the Doctor
& the boys & all my friends Yours etc John Muir